

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	595

616 > Barns  
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Town Lexington

Address 397 Lincoln Street

Historic Name Gallagher Farmhouse

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date first quarter of nineteenth century

Source 1830 map; stylistic analysis

Style Federal/Greek Revival Transition

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings two large barns--one with lean-to addition, stable, and windowed cupola; other with ventilator cupola; icehouse

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

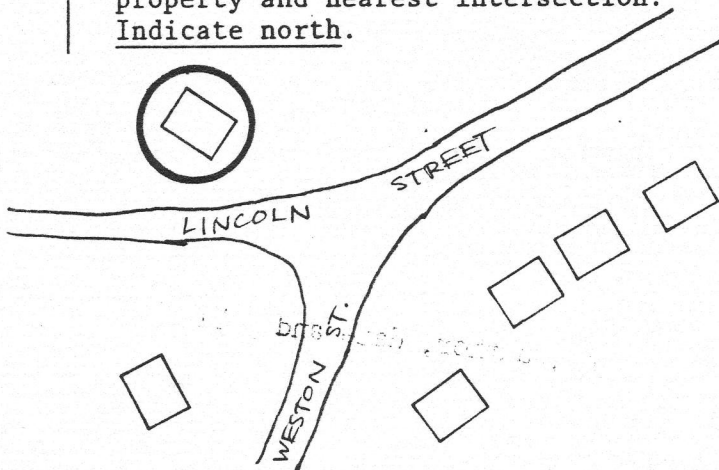
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 5 A.

Setting Near major highway (Route 128); on quiet street across from recent houses.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This farmhouse, set close to the street and backing onto its associated farmland, seems to be transitional Federal/Greek Revival in style. Federal elements include the two rear chimneys, the five-bay length, and the simplified Palladian window over the front door. Greek Revival elements are the profile, which is wider than that of Federal houses of its period, the long first floor windows, and the frontispiece with panelled pilasters, entablature with dentil course and projecting cornice supported by console brackets, and sidelights

(see Continuation Sheet)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

This house does appear on the 1830 map and that coupled with the stylistic analysis suggests that it was built in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. By 1853 this farm was owned by Cyrus P. Simonds and in 1876 by Josiah B. Gleason. In 1889 Andrew J. Gallagher owned the farm and he continued to do so at least until 1906. Although the 1898 and 1906 maps show many outbuildings on the farm, the present large barns were apparently built by the next owner, Marston Harding. He raised expensive Guernsey cattle and called the property the Golden Guernsey Farm. It was then sold to the Napoli family and, in the 1930s, to the Venuti family, who have owned it ever since. The farm now produces truck crops and specializes in tomatoes.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

"Some Additions and Corrections." Worthen Collection, Cary Memorial Library, Lexington, Massachusetts.

1830 map

1853 map

1876 map

1889 map

1898 map

1906 map

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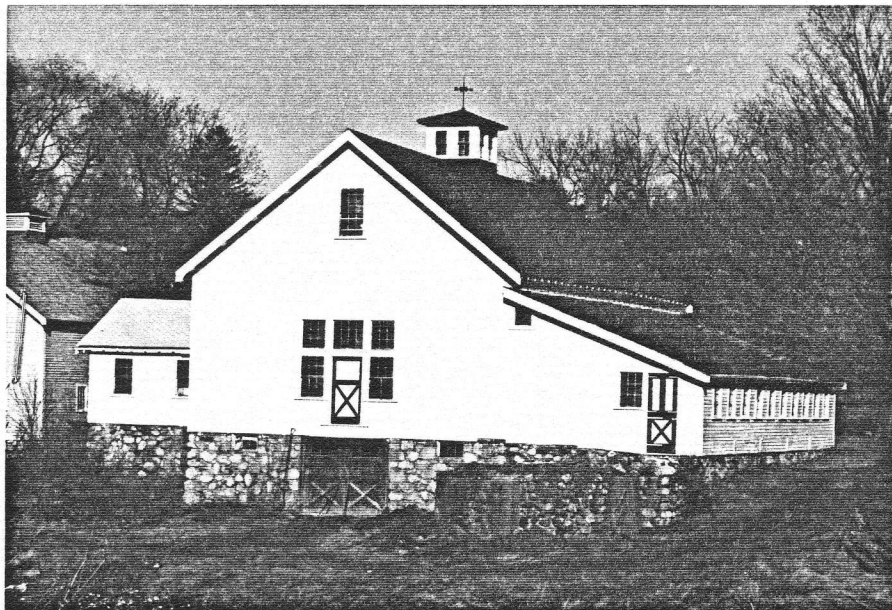
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

(the Georgian-style muntins appear to be a later alteration). The property includes two large barns, apparently built in the twentieth century; the larger is three bays wide, has a lean-to addition the length of the south side, a four stall stable on the north, and a windowed cupola on the roof; the small barn is three bays wide, four long, and has a ventilator cupola. There is also an icehouse that is falling down; it is built with butted rafter construction.



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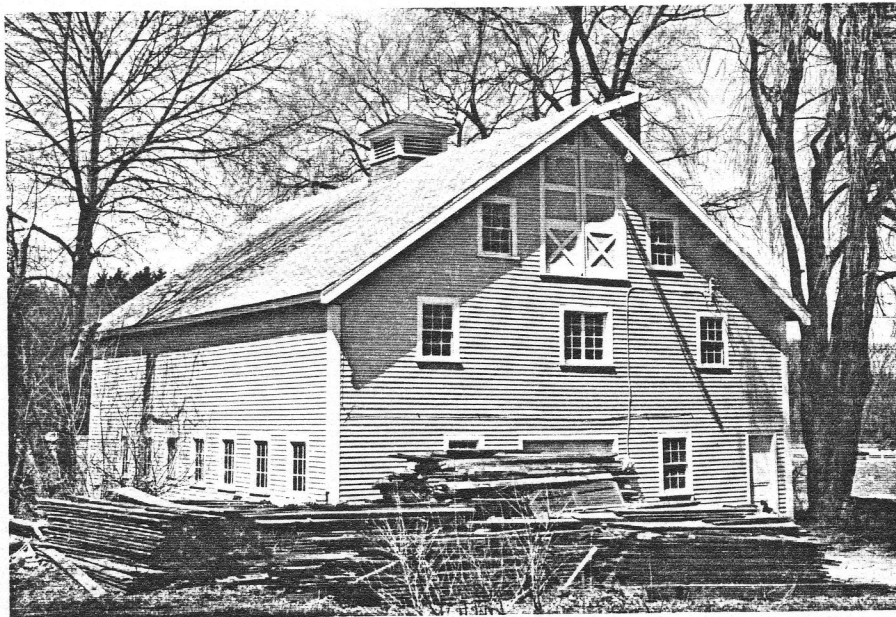
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